

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION

Minutes

March 8, 2004

Present were: Deb Daily, Scott Ballinger, Mary Christiansen, Leslie Crawford, Amy Reynoldson, Derek & Teri Effle, Sandy Morrissey, Kit Boesch, Chris Ivory, Sara Wolter, Sheila Kadoi, Loren Bartos, Lea Ann Johnson, Petra Smith, Becky Wild, Otto Schultz

Brittawni Olson, Earl Nannen, Lee Ann Panchareoen had schedule conflicts

1. Recent Changes in Coalition Staffing -

- a. Otto reported Brittawni Olson will now be strictly focus on evaluations. This change was needed because making the project evaluator a little distant from the programming gives the evaluations more credibility.
- b. Deb Dailey from the Center for People in Need will chair the coalition. Otto Schultz will provide staff support.

2. Next Meetings: April 12 and May 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cooperative Extension Service, 444 Cherrycreek Road.

3. Snapshot of Our Current Situation -

- a. Everyone reaffirmed our mission: Reduce the rate of substance use among youth ages 12-17 in Lancaster County. Some of us also feel that at some point we can begin to look at other age ranges for a broader mission.
- b. We began discussion of folding the workgroups into three groups. They are: 1) Media Advocacy, 2) Program, and 3) Public Policy & Law Enforcement. We also decided to try holding the Work Group meetings in conjunction with the main meeting.
- c. Otto is to gather information from Brittawni about the Matrix of Current Services and combine it with work done by Deb Sprague. He will send this out to everyone for input, then present it at our next meeting. Knowing the Best Practice and Promising Practice Programs that are working in our community will help us identify gaps and opportunities.

4. Grant Updates - Kit Boesch

- a. Kit submitted the Drug Free Communities 3rd year proposal last week. The State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA) is due April 30. She believes we should go for the full \$250 K for three years. People working on the SICA grant are meeting March 24 and 31 at 3:30 p.m. at 1645 N St. - Region V. We think parenting is an example of what might be a key to this group of 300 who are our target. Most prevention programs in Lincoln do not affect this group of 300. We also need to decide the best way to collaborate with Malcolm to best meet their needs.

- b. Since these SICA funds will be targeted exclusively to Lancaster County, and since we believe the Region to be the strongest applicant for the funds, Kit moved and Becky Wild seconded that we name Region V as the Fiscal Agent for the SICA grant. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Otto will ask Britt to do a summary of the 300-youth survey we did.

5. Introductions –

Everyone reintroduced themselves describing their interest and desire for this coalition as well as the work they and their agencies do.

6. Ideas for a “Quick Win.”

A Quick Win is a project that we can all play a part in: that carries out our mission, that we can accomplish in short order, and that we can get excited about. Everyone is to consider possibilities for a Quick Win for next time.

7. Memo of Understanding

Deb explained and distributed a Memo of Understanding. All were invited to sign or have their CEO sign. This will be used for both the SICA and the DFC grants.

- 8. Kit and Karen Heusel of LCAD have worked on identifying potential new members who represent segments of the community not involved with the prevention field. Petra Smith of Cedars and Otto will work together on identifying and contacting potential new members, meeting at Petra’s office 770 N. Cotner March 18, 3:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join them.

9. Items for future meetings

- a. Having a Newsletter such as Praevinaire
- b. Defining our membership according to our mission (and grants) - who should be in this coalition?
- c. How often does the Coalition need to meet? Does the whole group need to meet monthly? Do we divide into teams/workgroups that meet some months?